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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 8:22 AM  
**To:** John Katz  
**Subject:** Re: Message for Governor Palin

Also for dillion- speaking with DOT folks incl hearing from Secretary on earmarks- she wants them eliminated and Ak is on right track w earmark reform support

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 08:43:47

To: <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, <HamelChuck@cs.com>

Subject: Re: Message for Governor Palin

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>>> On 2/24/2008 at 5:20 PM, in message <c0f.1f1c062b.34f347a4@cs.com>, <HamelChuck@cs.com> wrote:

Dear Governor:

I missed meeting with you during your visit last November.

Hope you may squeeze me into your schedule this week.

I regret the embarrassment that may emanate for your

Administration by Commissioner Irwin's improperly

researched letter to Chairmen Dingell and Rahall.

Another Congressional release on BP gross negligence in Prudhoe operations soon will identify gross, 'inept', oversight by regulators ADNRR, PSIO, AKOSH, and the Fire Marshall.

If you don't halt Reconfiguration of Pump Station #3 promptly  
90 % of Alaska's annual revenue may be in peril. You publicly  
stated that NO PUMP #3 CONSTRUCTION WOULD PROCEED  
ON YOUR STATE LAND until Pump #9 is operating properly and  
safely. Pump #9 has serious 'identified' problems which could cause  
disruption of the oil flow through the TAPS this winter.

As I told you on the phone last year, I have a plan for your  
oversight (along with the BP shareholders) to protect your  
interests (beyond your regulators) without any expense for  
the State.

Chuck Hamel 703-549-0515

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Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 6:47 AM  
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)  
Subject: Fw: PSIO

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From: "Slemons, Jonne D (DNR)" <jonne.slemons@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 07:34:12

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: FW: Latest Hamel Letter

Re: Latest Hamel Letter

Trying again ---

From: Slemons, Jonne D (DNR)

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 7:30 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com ; Katz, John W (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Thompson, Mike (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Anders, Bruce F (DNR)

Cc: Persily, Larry A (GOV)

Subject: RE: Latest Hamel Letter

Governor,

In answer to various issues raised in e-mails this morning:

1. Re a meeting with Chuck Hamel:

He lives and works in Alexandria, Virginia - just outside of Washington D.C. Privileged or Per  
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2. TAPS/SR: Mr. Hamel's latest letter is focused entirely on the TAPS system, specifically the Strategic Reconfiguration (SR) project which has been in work for some time. Mike Thompson, State Pipeline Coordinator and engineer Louis Kozisek are completely familiar with both the TAPS and the SR project. The PSIO has therefore not been involved in the research or responses on these topics, but nonetheless I have reviewed and support the information in Commissioner Irwin's letter.

3. To clarify: Bruce references Tom Bewak below. Mr. Bewak has raised issues relative to pipe construction at Milne Pt., which the PSIO has investigated. That investigation is concluded, and the final report will be posted shortly. [It has no relation to the issues raised by Chuck Hamel relative to the TAPS/SR project.]

4. Budget Request for four PSIO positions: The PSIO has been performing investigations and looking into allegations of problems relative to the soundness of our oil and gas systems since Day 1. We've been doing this work conscientiously, but not in the robust manner that we would like. Frankly, we are hard-pressed, with current staffing, to address these issues -- and have done so at the expense of overall program development. Should an emergency occur, or huge system integrity issue come to our attention, it would be very difficult for the PSIO to respond adequately. I appreciate your support for these positions, and hope that the final budget decisions will fund them.

I'm happy to answer any further questions -- My cell is Privileged or P

Jonne Slemons

Petroleum Systems Integrity Office Coordinator

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**Cc:** Larry Persily  
**Subject:** Re: Latest Hamel Letter

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let me know what else i should speak to him about.

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I will be w/him for a very short meeting, dont want to get roped in to anything long and contentious. He can help me put pressure on state lawmakers to fund our PSIO office and BP corrosion suit issues that I just found out legilsators slashed in my budget. Pls let me know when he's available for a short mtg.

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Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 09:43:45

To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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Regarding a meeting with Chuck, he left a request on my office voice mail over the weekend. He lives in Northern Virginia. He hasn't been in good health, but I'm sure that he would make it to a DC meeting if you want him to do so.

If you are interested, we could contact him and try to set something up at the JW Marriott.

Regarding your question concerning new developments, I think Chuck's basic contention is that the State's regulators are unaware of several relevant circumstances, as reported by Chuck's network of workers. The attached letter to Congress seems to be a combination of situations where he alleges that the State has misunderstood the consequences of certain events or was unaware of them.

Senator Stevens has asked me to meet with him this morning on earmarking policy and perhaps other issues. So, Larry and I will be out of the office for a while beginning at 10:30. If you want to meet with Chuck, Bre can help arrange a mutually convenient time.

Sam and I talked about events over the weekend. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted  
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Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 7:10 AM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Cc: 'krisandclark@yahoo.com'; Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
Subject: Re: PSIO

We will get on it.

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To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
Cc: K Perry Yahoo <krisandclark@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Mon Feb 25 06:52:50 2008  
Subject: Fw: PSIO

These sentiments should be in a presser - the legislature is tearing the rug out of my efforts to prove our ability and commitment to the oversight that's needed before anyone can trust that ramped-up development of our resources should happen.

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100% concur. Jonne was not asked ONE question to justify the added staff that are NEEDED to complete the mission that folks currently expect PSIO to perform.

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Spoke about Off Shore leases, relieving fears of coastal communities re: potential impacts... specifically Chukchi Sea leases.

Off Shore revenue shares that he supports for AK.

Perhaps it'll be a matter of weeks until polar bear listing is settled. They don't have much time before lawsuit kicks in... we'll live w their decision, hope it's not listed... need to know tho so we can deal with potential impacts asap.

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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 10:42 AM

**To:** ExternalEmailgsp; Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)

**Cc:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)

**Subject:** NBC

NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams is interested in a one-on-one interview with you about Exxon Valdez.

I suggested right after tomorrow's Exxon Valdez news conference.

It would be 10- 15 minutes.

If you would like to do this, Sharon can give the producer a call and make the arrangements.

Beth

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Sharon:

Mike Kosnar  
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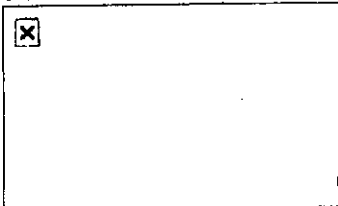
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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 3:22 PM  
**To:** ExternalEmailgsp; Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
**Cc:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fox Bus News Info

Here is some information about the Fox Business News Interview on Tuesday.  
Janice has put the logistical information on your calendar.

### **Tuesday, Feb. 26 @ 2:30 p.m.**

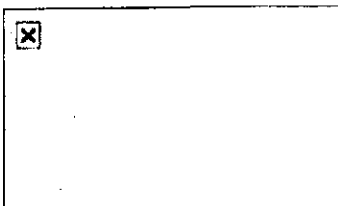
Interview with Fox Business Network (5-10 minutes) about Exxon Valdez, oil & gas,  
Alaska economy

#### ■ Anchor Liz Claman



Liz Claman joined FOX Business Network (FBN) as an anchor in October 2007. Her debut included an exclusive interview with Berkshire Hathaway CEO and legendary investor Warren Buffett.

#### ■ Anchor David Asman



David Asman joined FOX Business Network as an anchor in September 2007. He also serves as host of Forbes on Fox, a weekend half-hour program on FOX News Channel that offers an informative look at the week in business.

### **Interview Location**

**Fox News Channel Studios**  
400 North Capital St., Suite 550

About 2 miles from the Willard where you'll be for the Hoover speech and CNN interview (1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW).

### **Fox Contacts**

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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 10:02 AM  
**To:** David-----Mikell  
**Subject:** RE: Head Start funding

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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**From:** David-----Mikell [mailto:alaskamd@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 23, 2008 10:34 AM  
**To:** Palin, Sarah H (GOV)  
**Subject:** Head Start funding

Dear Governor Palin --

Thank you so much for increasing the funding for Head Start, a truly deserving and worthwhile program with both immediate and long range benefits for both children and parents. I am so frustrated that the increase was cut by Kevin Meyer, and I hope you will continue to work for putting the money back into Head Start.

Sincerely,  
Mikell Murphy, EdD

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Hi Bob et al:

We certainly agree with your comments that Rural Alaska has a transportation problem which causes energy to be very expensive. We are currently developing the technology and systems to provide a much lower cost system of intertieing energy resources and rural communities together using a special single wire Direct Current system. We have been funded by the Denali Commission for Phase I of this project and since receiving good reports from our key inverter technology supplier, we can now request Phase II funding. This Phase consists of building equipment and the special transmission system and testing to verify designs. Phase III of the project will be a 25 mile interconnection between Mt. Village and St. Marys.

It may be of interest to you that a HVDC powerline from the North Slope to Fairbanks and beyond can transport the electricity made from natural gas at a lower price than a gas pipeline. As a result, the bullet pipeline will not be required if its major purpose is to provide gas to generate electricity. Suppose the main gas line is delayed or not built at all and the base value of the Prudhoe gas is set by its being stranded. A generation plant built on the North Slope will have the following advantages. A gas conditioning plant to remove the CO2 from the gas is not needed as gas with CO2 can be used directly in a gas turbine plant. Turbines are more efficient and can generate more electricity because of the lower ambient temperature of the Slope. Exhaust CO2 gas can be sequestered back into the field and used to extract more oil. There will be no carbon tax on this plant. The DC power line can have branches into the central Alaska's river systems and connect to regional lower voltage single wire DC grids such as we are developing. It is potentially feasible for electricity to be so inexpensive as to be used for heat in buildings, and perhaps to provide fuel for vehicles and boats as hydrogen.

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If I can answer questions please contact me.

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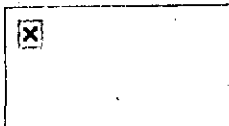
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**Cc:** Persily; Larry A (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Latest Hamel Letter

Governor,

In answer to various issues raised in e-mails this morning:

1. Re a meeting with Chuck Hamel:  
He lives and works in Alexandria, Virginia – just outside of Washington D.C. Privileged or Personal I  
Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
2. TAPS/SR: Mr. Hamel's latest letter is focused entirely on the TAPS system, specifically the Strategic Reconfiguration (SR) project which has been in work for some time. Mike Thompson, State Pipeline Coordinator and engineer Louis Kozisek are completely familiar with both the TAPS and the SR project. The PSIO has therefore not been involved in the research or responses on these topics, but nonetheless I have reviewed and support the information in Commissioner Irwin's letter.
3. To clarify: Bruce references Tom Bewak below. Mr. Bewak has raised issues relative to pipe construction at Milne Pt., which the PSIO has investigated. That investigation is concluded, and the final report will be posted shortly. [It has no relation to the issues raised by Chuck Hamel relative to the TAPS/SR project.]
4. Budget Request for four PSIO positions: The PSIO has been performing investigations and looking into allegations of problems relative to the soundness of our oil and gas systems since Day 1. We've been doing this work conscientiously, but not in the robust manner that we would like. Frankly, we are hard-pressed, with current staffing, to address these issues -- and have done so at the expense of overall program development. Should an emergency occur, or huge system integrity issue come to our attention, it would be very difficult for the PSIO to respond adequately. I appreciate your support for these positions, and hope that the final budget decisions will fund them.

I'm happy to answer any further questions -- My cell is Privileged

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**To:** ExternalEmailgsp; Katz, John W (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Slemons, Jonne D (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Thompson, Mike (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)  
**Cc:** Persily, Larry A (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Latest Hamel Letter

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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No.

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To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
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Tell Bill McAllister that Gov Pelenty from Minnesota says "hello"!  
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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 07:09:57

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: krisandclark@yahoo.com, "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: PSIO

We will get on it.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Cc: K Perry Yahoo <krisandclark@yahoo.com>

Sent: Mon Feb 25 06:52:50 2008

Subject: Fw: PSIO

These sentiments should be in a presser - the legislature is tearing the rug out of my efforts to prove our ability and commitment to the oversight that's needed before anyone can trust that ramped-up development of our resources should happen.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 15:44:07

To: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, "John Katz" <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>

Cc: "Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, "Marty Rutherford" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>, jonne.slemons@alaska.gov, "Bruce Anders" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>, "Joe Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>, "Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Subject: PSIO

Sharon- I'm shocked and disappointed Chenault's taking out PSIO positions and BP corrosion lawsuit funds out of my budget. Im back here in DC speaking with Cheney (sat with him the entire State dinner last night), will try to speak w/Bush today... speaking with national reporters and all these governors all about AK's proof that we can provide sound oversight of resource development, as evidenced by PSIO, lawsuits to hold industry's feet to the fire re: waste of valuable natural resources, etc... and here while I'm away I find out the legislature may undermine those efforts? It's unacceptable if the nation is to believe we're capable of responsible, ethical ramped up development that's need in our state, for our nation.

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 12:36 PM  
**To:** Katz; John W (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
**Cc:** Leschper; Beth (GOV); Karen Rehfeld; Michael Tibbles; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Persily; Larry A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: State Earmarks/Stevens' Posting

This could put to rest those complaints that we are hypocritical bc some are claiming we recently asked for 141 earmarks - more than other admins have asked for... and we knew that was not true.

Does the senator think he's punishing us for this by posting our requests? I look at this as a good thing and was just thanked this weekend by the Transportation secretary and Sen. McCain for showing leadership on this. Pres Bush also acknowledged Alaska and asked us Gov's today to do what we can to help with needed reform in committees where earmark abuse previously was the norm. He was all about transparency and public discussion on earmark projects- he sounded just like us.

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**From:** "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

**Date:** Mon, 25 Feb 2008 16:11:07

**To:** "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

**Cc:** "Beth C (GOV) Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, "Karen Rehfeld" <karen\_rehfeld@alaska.gov>, "Michael Tibbles" <michael.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Sharon W (GOV) Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>, <kris\_perry@gov.state.ak.us>

**Subject:** State Earmarks/Stevens' Posting

Senator Stevens has just posted the State's 31 earmark requests on his website. I think he believes that this will point out the discrepancy between your statements and our actions.

As I said to him this morning, I don't see any problem with the posting. We believe that all of our earmarks pass muster in terms of the criteria the Congressional delegation and the Bush administration have espoused.

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Cc: Michael Tibbles; Larry Persily; Janice Mason; kris\_perry  
Subject: Re: Congressional Delegation Relations - PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE

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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 12:04 PM  
**To:** Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Katz; John W (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC)  
**Cc:** Slemons; Jonne D (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)  
**Subject:** Re: Latest Hamel Letter

It was a good mtg. He's fine about psio funding and is wanting to assist me. He's very frustrated tho that he believe BP snookers psio into believing they've got it all under control - and slhe still cant believe psio let up on GC 1 fire investigation.

And Larry- i promised Hamel you'd call him. He at least wants a quiuck convo on a couple of issues that he, again, believes we're getting snookered on. Pls call him. Thanks

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**From:** "Anders, Bruce F (DNR)" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>

**Date:** Mon, 25 Feb 2008 11:43:19

**To:** John Katz <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>, ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

**Cc:** "Slemons, Jonne D (DNR)" <jonne.slemons@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Latest Hamel Letter

Thanks John.

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FYI, just finished marking up the PR re restoring PSIO funding, sent to Sharon/Beth/Russ

I'll be going dark for next 4 hours.

Bruce

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**From:** John Katz [mailto:jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]

Sent: Mon 2/25/2008 11:19 AM

To: Slemons, Jonne D (DNR); ExternalEmailgsp

Cc: Anders, Bruce F (DNR)

Subject: RE: Latest Hamel Letter

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>>> On 2/25/2008 at 12:55 PM, in message  
<FC9D0A4DDB7D5040A9EF833049B613478934CF@SOAANCMMSG02.soa.alaska.gov>, "Slemons, Jonne D  
(DNR)" <jonne.slemons@alaska.gov> wrote:

Governor,

Your support of the PSIO budget request is very much appreciated --- thank you!

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John Katz has long experience with Mr. Hamel, and can likely provide additional insight.

Sincerely,

Jonne Slemons

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 6:38 AM

To: Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Katz, John W (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Slemons, Jonne D (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Thompson, Mike (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Cc: Persily, Larry A (GOV)

Subject: Re: Latest Hamel Letter

I want him to help me pressure leggies to get PSIO positions back in my budget. Thanks- let me know what else i should speak to him about.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Anders, Bruce F (DNR)" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 06:35:48

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, "Katz, John W (GOV)" <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>, "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>, "Slemons, Jonne D (DNR)" <jonne.slemons@alaska.gov>, "Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>, "Thompson, Mike (DNR)" <mike.thompson@alaska.gov>, "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Persily, Larry A (GOV)" <lpersily@alaskadc.org>

Subject: RE: Latest Hamel Letter

Governor,

Unfortunately, the Hamel letter is a pdf, and cannot be pasted. Hamel is in DC, as far as I know. Jonne will be in the office in 30 mins, and will provide a more detailed report to this group then, including a summary of the Hamel letter.

In short, the PSIO has been persistently working on this investigation (given its staffing limitations), and pushing BP very hard. PSIO has completed a thorough technical review that yields a defensible and final conclusion to the issues raised by Tom Bewak, and the final section of the report, an addendum addressing materials traceability, will be completed in the next day or two. We'll send it to Mr. Bewak directly and post it on the PSIO website.

As I mentioned, Jonne will provide a more thorough sit rep shortly. After hearing that

info, you may decide that it makes sense to meet with Mr. Hamel (I assumed that's why you asked where he is)

Bruce

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Mon 2/25/2008 5:08 AM

To: Katz, John W (GOV); Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Slemons, Jonne D (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Thompson, Mike (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Cc: Persily, Larry A (GOV)

Subject: Re: Latest Hamel Letter

I cant open his letter on blkberry, could u cut and paste it? Is Hamel here in DC?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 08:51:33

To: "Bruce F (DNR) Anders" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>, "Joe Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>, "Jonne D (DNR) Slemons" <jonne.slemons@alaska.gov>, "Marty Rutherford" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>, "Mike (DNR) Thompson" <mike.thompson@alaska.gov>, "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>, "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Latest Hamel Letter

Per Chuck Hamel's request, I have attached his latest correspondence to Congressmen Dingell and Rahall seeking to rebut Commissioner Irwin's earlier letter to the House Energy Committee.

I would be glad to discuss whether we should respond, and, if so, how.

P.S.

Governor, in a voice mail message, Mr. Hamel expressed his desire to meet with you during your DC trip.

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:54 AM  
**To:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Cc:** Leschper; Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: CNN after the Hoover Institution Speech?

Sounds good

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**From:** "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

**Date:** Mon, 25 Feb 2008 11:26:45

**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

**Cc:** "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** CNN after the Hoover Institution Speech?

Governor-

CNN would like a few minutes with you after you deliver the Hoover Institution speech. They would like to talk about the Exxon case and Federal earmarks. They could meet you coming out of the speech at the Intercontinental. You may remember the reporter - Joe Johns - he interviewed you in your Anchorage office right after Pete Koll got sentenced! Please let me know.

Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

Deputy Communications Director

465-4031 Juneau

269-7450 Anchorage

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:19 AM  
**To:** rkleine45150@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 23, 2008 6:41 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Other

Web mail from: Randy Kleine  
address: 939 Riverside Drive Milford OH 45150  
513-965-0651

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin:

I am looking forward to hearing your interview on Sunday, February 24th's C-SPAN Washington Journal program. As many of my friends in Alaska are libertarian-style Republicans, I am anxious to hear your comments (if any) about retaining Alaska's independent autonomy regarding dominance by the Federal Government.

Also, in perusing your site and the photos on your site: I must register a complaint that you would condone the participation of female children and pre-teens in so-called glamour and beauty pageants. Children should not be taught to focus on "body beautiful"; rather, they should learn modesty and inward beauty, and a Governor should promote such, don't you think?

I appreciate your willingness to serve in the political arena. Best regards,  
Randy Kleine

rkleine45150@yahoo.com

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:18 AM  
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Cc:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Oil&Gas

-----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 12:28 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Oil&Gas

Web mail from: Mr. Ceasar Montez  
address: 4002 east southern av phoenix AZ 85042

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Sarah Palin,

I was watching your segment on CSPAN about how Alaska seems to have a positive effect on economy and Polar Bears being considered on Endangered Species List. I just thought I let you know that I heard you said, "11,000 thousand gallons of oil spill" in Prince William Sound. Its actually close to 11 million gallons of oil.

thanks,

Ceasar Montez

ceez001@yahoo.com

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**From:** Leschper, Beth (GOV) [beth.leschper@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:16 AM  
**To:** Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); ExternalEmailgsp; Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: NBC

I agree.

Beth

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**From:** Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:08 AM  
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**Cc:** Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
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I will call the producer. I would suggest after the press conference so everything is fresh.

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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:03 AM  
**To:** Leschper, Beth (GOV); Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
**Cc:** Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: NBC

Either after the press conf on Exxon tomorrow?... Or even today, tomorrow before press conf?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 19:45:53

To: "Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, govpalin@alaska.gov

Cc: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Janice Mason" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: NBC

Oh yeah, thank you!

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From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 10:41:50

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, govpalin@alaska.gov

Cc: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: NBC

NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams is interested in a one-on-one interview with you about Exxon Valdez.

I suggested right after tomorrow's Exxon Valdez news conference.

It would be 10- 15 minutes.

If you would like to do this, Sharon can give the producer a call and make the arrangements.

Beth

Sharon:

Mike Kosnar

202-309-8578

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He's doing this like he did with holding up SB80 last year - it's political - it's to get us to have to strike deals with leggies on capital budget items, and we're not playing those games, so we'll cont to reiterate our committment to the budget we initally rolled out that included corrosion issue litigation. And PSIO positions.

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From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 09:32:36

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: PSIO

Dear Governor Palin, Heard you on the radio talking about resource development in DC, nice coverage.

Rep. Chenault's elimination of the BP corrosion case funds is not final. He said he would have the whole committee consider it. It is actually quite a commitment. We fully expect that it will be about five million a year for five years and the legislators are understandably careful about it. On the other hand it will involve a claim for hundreds of millions of dollars. So, I don't really think Chenault thought he had killed the appropriation, I think he may just want more discussion. At least I hope so. Talis

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To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)

Subject: Fw: PSIO

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**To:** ExternalEmailgsp; Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
**Cc:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fox Business Tuesday

We've had a request from Fox Business Network for an in-studio interview tomorrow (Tuesday, Feb. 26), after the Hoover and CNN events.

Fox is interested in Exxon Valdez, oil and gas, and the economy.

This request could fit in your schedule before you need to head to the airport at 3:30 p.m. The location is about 2 miles from the Willard, so the logistics will work.

If you would like to do this, I'll forward all information to you, Janice and Sharon.

Beth

10/29/2009

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 11:03 AM  
To: Leschper; Beth (GOV); Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: Re: NBC

Either after the press conf on Exxon tomorrow?... Or even today, tomorrow before press conf?

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 19:45:53

To: "Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, govpalin@alaska.gov

Cc: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Janice Mason" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: NBC

Oh yeah, thank you!

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From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 10:41:50

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, govpalin@alaska.gov

Cc: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: NBC

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Sharon:

Mike Kosnar

202-309-8578

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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:03 AM  
**To:** Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
**Cc:** Leschper, Beth (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: for your review

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**From:** Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
**To:** Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
**Cc:** Leschper, Beth (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
**Sent:** Mon Feb 25 10:49:20 2008  
**Subject:** for your review

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Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

Deputy Communications Director

465-4031 Juneau

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240-7943 cell

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:02 AM  
**To:** Admin@FieldtripsandCruises.Com  
**Subject:** RE: Other

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**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2008 12:05 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Other

Web mail from: Mr. Bill Field

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 10:59 AM  
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Cc:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2008 3:26 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Other

Web mail from: Mr. Orin Lee  
address: 395 Chestnut Hill Road Cambridge NY 12816

### MESSAGE:

Hello. I just want to encourage you to be John McCain's running mate should he ask. I think you'd be great. Sincerely, Orin Lee

orinleevp62@yahoo.com



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Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 10:55 AM  
To: Leschper; Beth (GOV); Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: Re: NBC

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Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 10:41:50

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 10:24 AM  
**To:** beedlee@msn.com  
**Subject:** RE: Other

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**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2008 3:38 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Other

Web mail from: Mr. Kenneth Beedle  
address: 8220 Little Dipper Ave Anchorage AK 99504  
907-333-9024

### MESSAGE:

Sarah, just wanted to thank you for standing up for Alaska, you are so right when you say that Ted Stevens has his opinions but not all senators feel the same as he does, I believe Senator Stevens has long ago forgotten who he represents, Its So nice to have you hold strong for us!! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!! Evan

beedlee@msn.com

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 10:20 AM  
**To:** artsowls@xyz.net  
**Subject:** RE: Legal\_and\_lawsuits

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**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2008 8:23 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Legal\_and\_lawsuits

Web mail from: Mr. Arthur Sowls  
address: PO Box 1693 Homer AK 99603

MESSAGE:

Sara,

I am glad you are asking Don Young and Ted Stevens about their legal questions. We need to know what are public officials are up to!

Art

artsowls@xyz.net

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:16 AM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Don't Forget to RSVP for WTCAL Luncheon with Ron Peck, President and COO, Alaska Travel Industry Association

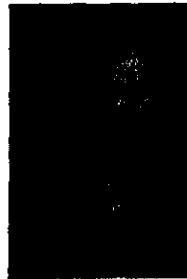
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**From:** World Trade Center Alaska [mailto:info@wtcak.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 9:37 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Don't Forget to RSVP for WTCAL Luncheon with Ron Peck, President and COO, Alaska Travel Industry Association



**World Trade Center Alaska Monthly Luncheon**

**March 5, 2008**



**Ron Peck, President and COO**  
**Alaska Travel Industry Association**

**Topic "International Travel Update"**

**Where:** Wells Fargo Bank, Headquarters Building (Northern Lights and "C"  
Fifth Floor

**Time:** 12 noon (doors open 11:45 am)

**Fee:**  
\$20 WTCAL Members  
\$25 Non-Members  
\$15 Students (with valid school ID)

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 9:26 AM  
**To:** lawhorn\_derrick@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** RE: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

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**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Web mail from: Derrick Lawhorn  
address: 389 River Chase Dr. Jonesboro GA 30238  
606-261-0701

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

My name is Derrick Lawhorn and am a former resident of Fairbanks. Recently I have been chosen for Drill Sergeant duties for the Army, at FT. Benning GA. I just have one problem holding me from re-enlistment for this title.

While serving in the military in Fairbanks I found myself with the wrong crowd and convicted of 4th degree assault. The female associated with my case was an ex-girlfriend but we never lived together. I know that my actions that night were very wrong and i am very sorry for them. As a result i completed the 26 week DV course offered in Fairbanks and do not have any other mark on my record.

Because 4th degree assault is considered domestic violence i am not eligible for re-enlistment or drill sergeant duties. I am writing you this letter hoping you will understand that I am a changed person, older and make better choices, and want to pass on my knowledge to the new soldiers coming into todays army.

I hope you will give this thought and pardon me of these charges, so i can also go on to be all I can be. Below i have included the case information as well. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this. God Bless.

Thank You,

Derrick Lawhorn

AK - Fairbanks North Star County, Case No: 4FA-02-02562CR6386

Charge AS11.41.230(A)(1): ASSAULT-4TH DEGREE

Type Misdemeanor

Description AS11.41.230(A)(1): ASSAULT-4TH DEGREE

Disposition NCP

Amended charge AS11.41.230(A)(1): ASSAULT-4TH DEGREE

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Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 8:41 AM  
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
Subject: Re: PSIO

I just gave a soundbite on this to our NGA media feed people. Dont know how that works, but they have the soundbite on Petroleum Intergity Office positions being cut.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 16:56:49

To: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Fw: PSIO

Pls add this:

And we need to slam their efforts here, incl SB80 last year that they stalled.

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From: "Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 16:50:57

To: "SP" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: PSIO

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 15:52:50

To: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Cc: "K Perry Yahoo" <krisandclark@yahoo.com>

Subject: Fw: PSIO

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To: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, "John Katz" <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>

Cc: "Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, "Marty Rutherford" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>, jonne.slemons@alaska.gov, "Bruce Anders" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>, "Joe Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>, "Russ Kelly" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Subject: PSIO

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 9:03 AM  
To: John Katz  
Subject: Re: Latest Hamel Letter

3:00 is better at the hotel, lobby

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-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 11:50:56

To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Latest Hamel Letter

Governor, this is Bre. I am monitoring John's correspondence while he is out of the office.

Upon reading your email, I spoke with Chuck Hamel and he indicated that he would be able to meet with you anytime after 1:30pm today - that's how long it would take him to get medically ready and travel to DC to meet with you. He promised that it would be a short meeting.

If you could let me know a time that is truly convenient for you, I will relay that message to Mr. Hamel and try to set up an appointment for the two of you at the JW Marriott - if that is also convenient for you.

He is awaiting my call with confirmation of a meeting time and place.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you in whatever way you deem necessary.

Bre

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is

<mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

>>> On 2/25/2008 at 10:29 AM, in message <1869910827-1203953535-cardhu\_decombobulator\_blackberry.rim.net-285980012-@bxel03.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

I will be w/him for a very short meeting, dont want to get roped in to anything long and contentious. He can help me put pressure on state lawmakers to fund our PSIO office and BP corrosion suit issues that I just found out legilsators slashed in my budget. Pls let me know when he's available for a short mtg.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 09:43:45

To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Latest Hamel Letter

Regarding a meeting with Chuck, he left a request on my office voice mail over the weekend. He lives in Northern Virginia. He hasn't been in good health, but I'm sure that he would make it to a DC meeting if you want him to do so.

If you are interested, we could contact him and try to set something up at the JW Marriott.

Regarding your question concerning new developments, I think Chuck's basic contention is that the State's regulators are unaware of several relevant circumstances, as reported by Chuck's network of workers. The attached letter to Congress seems to be a combination of situations where he alleges that the State has misunderstood the consequences of certain events or was unaware of them.

Senator Stevens has asked me to meet with him this morning on earmarking policy and perhaps other issues. So, Larry and I will be out of the office for a while beginning at 10:30. If you want to meet with Chuck, Bre can help arrange a mutually convenient time.

Sam and I talked about events over the weekend.

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Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is  
<mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

>>> On 2/25/2008 at 9:08 AM, in message <1622308967-1203948677-  
cardhu\_decombobulator\_blackberry.rim.net-1620881026-@bxel03.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>,  
<gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

I cant open his letter on blkberry, could u cut and paste it? Is Hamel here in DC?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 08:51:33

To: "Bruce F (DNR) Anders" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>, "Joe Balash"  
<joe.balash@alaska.gov>, "Jonne D (DNR) Slemons" <jonne.slemons@alaska.gov>, "Marty  
Rutherford" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>, "Mike (DNR) Thompson"  
<mike.thompson@alaska.gov>, "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>, "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Latest Hamel Letter

Per Chuck Hamel's request, I have attached his latest correspondence to Congressmen  
Dingell and Rahall seeking to rebut Commissioner Irwin's earlier letter to the House  
Energy Committee.

I would be glad to discuss whether we should respond, and, if so, how.

P.S.

Governor, in a voice mail message, Mr. Hamel expressed his desire to meet with you during  
your DC trip.

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**Cc:** Leschper, Beth (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** for your review

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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:14 AM  
**To:** govpalin@alaska.gov  
**Subject:** Email - FYI

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [<mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us>]  
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 11:22 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Kathy Krell  
address: 4001 N. Charley Dr. Wasilla AK 99654

MESSAGE:

Hi Sarah, Just thought I'd share a little pearl that will probably make you smile. Lexie just won an "Al Neuharth Free Spirit Award/Scholarship" in journalism (He is the founder of USA Today). Anyway, they choose 2 students from each state and bring them all to Washington, DC to compete for a 50K scholarship in March. Since you were at Colony High to induct Lexie into Quill&Scroll, I thought you would appreciate the scope of this award. By the way, her focus is currently on Pre-Med...go figure!! Take Care, keep up the good work. Kathy Krell

kakrell@yahoo.com

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**From:** Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:28 AM  
**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
**Cc:** Leschper, Beth (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** NBC tomorrow at noon

Governor-

Apparently the National Press Club does not allow for one on one interviews. NBC would like to know if they can interview you back at the Marriott at noon.

Sharon Leighow  
Deputy Press Secretary  
Deputy Communications Director

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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:27 AM  
**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Cc:** Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** CNN after the Hoover Institution Speech?

Governor-

CNN would like a few minutes with you after you deliver the Hoover Institution speech. They would like to talk about the Exxon case and Federal earmarks. They could meet you coming out of the speech at the Intercontinental. You may remember the reporter - Joe Johns - he interviewed you in your Anchorage office right after Pete Kott got sentenced! Please let me know.

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**From:** John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 12:01 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin  
**Cc:** Michael Tibbles; Larry Persily; Janice Mason; kris\_perry@gov.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** Congressional Delegation Relations - PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE

At Senator Stevens' request, Larry and I met this morning with Senator Murkowski and him, plus various staff from all three offices to discuss the gas pipeline and Congressional earmarks, particularly in the transportation area. The meeting was difficult but useful.

There are fundamental differences between the State and the Congressional delegation on the gas pipeline. In my opinion, these differences are not the product of inadequate information. Rather, they reflect differences of opinion about AGIA and about what is possible in DC concerning the bridge shipper, changes in the loan guarantee, and the risk of re-opening existing federal law. There was also discussion of whether TransCanada can be held liable for costs incurred by the original pipeline consortium formed many years ago.

We raised the possibility that these differences might dissipate once the AGIA process has been completed. Both TransCanada and the producers have said that they want to work with each other, and there is a good likelihood that the issue of fiscal certainty will be addressed once we know what the State is dealing with. Senator Stevens believes that ConocoPhillips might file an application directly with FERC.

Regarding earmarks, Senator Stevens thinks that there is a difference between what the State says and does on earmarks. I responded that we don't see all earmarks as bad, only those where there is no strong federal nexus or public support and where there is no open and transparent process. In particular, I cited your response to Carl Marrs and our 31 earmark requests, all of which satisfy applicable requirements.

Then, the discussion switched to transportation earmarks. The delegation wants DOTPF to communicate more with local governments about the status of their earmarks. We also talked about how requirements of the Federal Highway Administration play into the process.

We said that DOTPF is preparing an analysis of all pending transportation earmarks so that the delegation can see their current status and why some of them have not been implemented. We also asked for early consultation between the Congressional delegation and us to resolve problems before they arise in federal law.

Senator Stevens said that he is prepared to respond publicly and critically when he sees a discrepancy between the administration's statements and actions on

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earmarks. I also had the feeling that he might talk more about infirmities in the AGIA approach.

As you know, Senator Murkowski will give her speech to the Legislature on March 18th. She would like to meet with you one-on-one to discuss relations among the elected principals, feeling that since she is not running for re-election this year, she might be in the best position to do this.

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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 1:34 PM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Sam Bishop  
**Subject:** Re: Exxon Valdez/Press Conference

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p.s. Senator Stevens has not yet posted the State's earmarks, contrary to what we were told initially. But, I think that Dillon will write his story anyway.

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Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 17:09:29

To: "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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Cc:"Sam Bishop" <sbishop@ALASKADC.org>  
Subject: Exxon Valdez/Press Conference

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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 9:47 AM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Re: Latest Hamel Letter

*Governor, this is Bre, again.*

*I have relayed the meeting time and place to Chuck Hamel and he says he has shaved and will be there on time.*

*Have a good meeting. If you need us any further on this, or for any thing else, my direct dial number is 202.624.5993. Do not hesitate to contact us.*

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Bre will take care of this immediately.

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**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Michael Tibbles; Larry Persily; Janice Mason; kris\_perry@gov.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** Re: Congressional Delegation Relations - PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE

They did not tell us about last week's meeting. This was the human resources component of AFN. So, perhaps they feel their issues should be addressed separately. They had quite a few items on their agenda ranging from rural law enforcement to federal legislation.

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Cc: "Michael Tibbles" <michael.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>, "Janice Mason"

<janice\_mason@gov.state.ak.us>, <kris\_perry@gov.state.ak.us>

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At Senator Stevens' request, Larry and I met this morning with Senator Murkowski and him, plus various staff from all three offices to discuss the gas pipeline and Congressional earmarks, particularly in the transportation area. The meeting was difficult but useful.

There are fundamental differences between the State and the Congressional delegation on the gas pipeline. In my opinion, these differences are not the product of inadequate information. Rather, they reflect differences of opinion about AGIA and about what is possible in DC concerning the bridge shipper, changes in the loan guarantee, and the risk of re-opening existing federal law. There was also discussion of whether TransCanada can be held liable for costs

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incurred by the original pipeline consortium formed many years ago.

We raised the possibility that these differences might dissipate once the AGIA process has been completed. Both TransCanada and the producers have said that they want to work with each other, and there is a good likelihood that the issue of fiscal certainty will be addressed once we know what the State is dealing with. Senator Stevens believes that ConocoPhillips might file an application directly with FERC.

Regarding earmarks, Senator Stevens thinks that there is a difference between what the State says and does on earmarks. I responded that we don't see all earmarks as bad, only those where there is no strong federal nexus or public support and where there is no open and transparent process. In particular, I cited your response to Carl Marrs and our 31 earmark requests, all of which satisfy applicable requirements.

Then, the discussion switched to transportation earmarks. The delegation wants DOTPF to communicate more with local governments about the status of their earmarks. We also talked about how requirements of the Federal Highway Administration play into the process.

We said that DOTPF is preparing an analysis of all pending transportation earmarks so that the delegation can see their current status and why some of them have not been implemented. We also asked for early consultation between the Congressional delegation and us to resolve problems before they arise in federal law.

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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 12:11 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin  
**Cc:** Beth C (GOV) Leschper; Karen Rehfeld; Michael Tibbles; Sharon W (GOV) Leighow; Larry Persily; kris\_perry@gov.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** State Earmarks/Stevens' Posting

Senator Stevens has just posted the State's 31 earmark requests on his website. I think he believes that this will point out the discrepancy between your statements and our actions.

As I said to him this morning, I don't see any problem with the posting. We believe that all of our earmarks pass muster in terms of the criteria the Congressional delegation and the Bush administration have espoused.

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**From:** Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 10:42 AM  
**To:** Leschper, Beth (GOV); ExternalEmailgsp; Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
**Cc:** Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: NBC

They just called me

Sharon Leighow  
Deputy Press Secretary  
Deputy Communications Director

465-4031 Juneau  
269-7450 Anchorage  
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NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams is interested in a one-on-one interview with you about Exxon Valdez. I suggested right after tomorrow's Exxon Valdez news conference.

It would be 10- 15 minutes.

If you would like to do this, Sharon can give the producer a call and make the arrangements.

Beth

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Sharon:  
Mike Kosnar  
202-309-8578

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Either after the press conf on Exxon tomorrow?... Or even today, tomorrow before press conf?

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com

**Date:** Mon, 25 Feb 2008 19:45:53

**To:** "Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, govpalin@alaska.gov

**Cc:** "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Janice Mason" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: NBC

Oh yeah, thank you!

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From: "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 10:41:50

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>, govpalin@alaska.gov

Cc: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: NBC

NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams is interested in a one-on-one interview with you about Exxon Valdez.

I suggested right after tomorrow's Exxon Valdez news conference.

It would be 10- 15 minutes.

If you would like to do this, Sharon can give the producer a call and make the arrangements.

Beth

Sharon:

Mike Kosnar

202-309-8578



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**From:** John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 9:30 AM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Re: Message for Governor Palin

I'll convey to Dillon the four messages contained in your two emails. Sounds like you did some good missionary work on all issues.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is [jwkatz@alaskadc.org](mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org). Thank you .

>>> On 2/25/2008 at 11:06 AM, in message <1538892101-1203955709-cardhu\_decombobulator\_blackberry.rim.net-1990591799-@bxel03.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

Also for dillion- speaking with DOT folks incl hearing from Secretary on earmarks- she wants them eliminated and Ak is on right track w earmark reform support  
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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 08:43:47

To: <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, <HamelChuck@cs.com>

Subject: Re: Message for Governor Palin

Chuck, per your request, I will distribute your letter to Congressman Dingell to the appropriate State people. Thanks for letting us know.

>>> On 2/24/2008 at 5:20 PM, in message <c0f.1f1c062b.34f347a4@cs.com>, <HamelChuck@cs.com> wrote:

Dear Governor:

I missed meeting with you during your visit last November.  
Hope you may squeeze me into your schedule this week.  
I regret the embarrassment that may emanate for your Administration by Commissioner Irwin's improperly researched letter to Chairmen Dingell and Rahall.

Another Congressional release on BP gross negligence in Prudhoe operations soon will identify gross, 'inept', oversight by regulators ADNR, PSIO, AKOSH, and the Fire Marshall.

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If you don't halt Reconfiguration of Pump Station #3 promptly 90 % of Alaska's annual revenue may be in peril. You publicly stated that NO PUMP #3 CONSTRUCTION WOULD PROCEED ON YOUR STATE LAND until Pump #9 is operating properly and safely. Pump #9 has serious 'identified' problems which could cause disruption of the oil flow through the TAPS this winter.

As I told you on the phone last year, I have a plan for your oversight (along with the BP shareholders) to protect your interests (beyond your regulators) without any expense for the State.

Chuck Hamel 703-549-0515

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**From:** Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 11:28 AM  
**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
**Cc:** Leschper, Beth (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)  
**Subject:** NBC tomorrow at noon

Governor-

Apparently the National Press Club does not allow for one on one Interviews. NBC would like to know if they can interview you back at the Marriott at noon.

Sharon Leighow  
Deputy Press Secretary  
Deputy Communications Director

465-4031 Juneau  
269-7450 Anchorage  
240-7943 cell

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**From:** John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2008 12:59 PM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Beth Leschper; Karen Rehfeld; Michael Tibbles; Randy Ruaro; Russ Kelly; Sharon Leighow; Larry Persily; kris\_perry@gov.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** Re: State Earmarks/Stevens' Posting

Dillon just interviewed me on the state's reaction to Senator Stevens' posting. I said what you just mentioned and then elaborated in terms of your response to Carl Marrs and what we actually did in our budget requests. If he gets it right - and he usually does - I think we'll have a good response.

I also conveyed your four messages. He said that his article was done but that he would include them on his blog.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is [jwkatz@alaskadc.org](mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org). Thank you .

>>> On 2/25/2008 at 4:35 PM, in message <1792361565-1203975491-cardhu\_decombobulator\_blackberry.rim.net-1818536930-@bxel03.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

This could put to rest those complaints that we are hypocritical bc some are claiming we recently asked for 141 earmarks - more than other admins have asked for... and we knew that was not true.

Does the senator think he's punishing us for this by posting our requests? I look at this as a good thing and was just thanked this weekend by the Transportation secretary and Sen. McCain for showing leadership on this. Pres Bush also acknowledged Alaska and asked us Gov's today to do what we can to help with needed reform in committees where earmark abuse previously was the norm. He was all about transparency and public discussion on earmark projects- he sounded just like us.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 16:11:07

To: "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Beth C (GOV) Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, "Karen Rehfeld" <karen\_rehfeld@alaska.gov>, "Michael Tibbles" <michael.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Sharon W (GOV) Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>, <kris\_perry@gov.state.ak.us>

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Subject: State Earmarks/Stevens' Posting

Senator Stevens has just posted the State's 31 earmark requests on his website. I think he believes that this will point out the discrepancy between your statements and our actions.

As I said to him this morning, I don't see any problem with the posting. We believe that all of our earmarks pass muster in terms of the criteria the Congressional delegation and the Bush administration have espoused.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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